Small Business Contracting Reforms

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Other Small Business Contracting Provisions in the House FY2017 Defense Authorization Bill

Provisions Aimed at Improving Transparency and Clarity for Small Businesses	
Section 1802	Would require SBA to track companies that outgrow or no longer qualify for a small business program using data already required to be collected from contractors
Section 1803	Would require the General Services Administration (GSA) to issue an annual report on the share of total contract value awarded to small businesses
Provisions Seeking to Clarify the Roles of Small Business Advocates	
Section 1812	Would clarify the responsibilities of SBA's commercial market representatives to include providing assistance to small business concerns seeking subcontracting opportunities on federal contracts and assisting prime contractors with meeting subcontracting obligations
Section 1814	Would direct SBA to develop a list of no-cost compliance assistance programs for small contractors

Competition in Subcontracting	
Section 1822	Would establish a three-year pilot program in which small first-tier subcontractors could obtain past-performance credit from SBA, and would require the Government Accountability Office to assess whether the pilot helped small subcontractors transition to prime contracting
Mentor-Protégé Programs	
Section 1831	Would require SBA to determine whether a prospective protégé firm is affiliated with its proposed mentor prior to approval of a mentor-protégé agreement—the same requirement would be removed from DoD
Section 1832	Would require DoD to obtain approval from SBA prior to carrying out a mentor-protégé program
Women's Business Programs	
Section 1841	Would clarify the duties of SBA's Office of Women's Business Ownership and require the office to establish an accreditation program for its grant recipients
Section 1842	Would provide definitions of key terms relating to eligibility under the Women's Business Center Program, would adjust the statutory cap on grants and requirement for matching funds by $35,000, and would establish a mechanism for use of unobligated grant funds at the end of the fiscal year

Reporting Requirements	
Section 1861	Would require SBA to share a list annually of regulatory changes affecting small business contracting with entities responsible for training acquisition personnel, such as the Federal Acquisition Institute and the Defense Acquisition University, and to entities providing technical assistance to small contractors
Section 1865	Would direct SBA to provide information to lawmakers regarding major information technology investments as required by section 832 of the FY2015 defense authorization law